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## To: The Congregations and Ministries of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland Re: The Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Thursday last week, our nation awoke to the sad news that Her Royal Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, had passed away.

As Moderator-Elect, and on behalf of the Presbyterian Church of QLD, I have written to and offered my heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family on behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland. It is our prayer that the peace of Christ and the hope of the Gospel will be with them and sustain them in their grief.

Through her long reign, Queen Elizabeth has been a constant in our lives. Since she became Queen in 1952, after the passing of her father King George VI, she has welcomed no less than sixteen Australian Prime Ministers. We will remember her for her faithfulness, humility, dignity, and good humour, all of which have made her a rock of stability in an ever-changing world. We especially thank God for her life of faith. In her 2016 Annual Christmas Broadcast, Her Majesty explained, "Billions of people now follow Christ's teaching and find in him the guiding light for their lives. I am one of them because Christ's example helps me see the value in doing small things with great love."

The Australian Government has announced that the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September will be a National Day of Mourning for her Majesty the Queen. I would like to ask all of our congregations across Queensland, South Australia, and the Northern Territory to remember the Royal family in their prayers that day, and that we remember Her Majesty not just as our Queen, but also as our sister in Christ. May we all take time in our services this Sunday to give thanks to God for Queen Elizabeth's faith, life, and loyal service under Christ.

***"My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall never be shaken."*** (Psalm 62:1)

Yours sincerely in Christ

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